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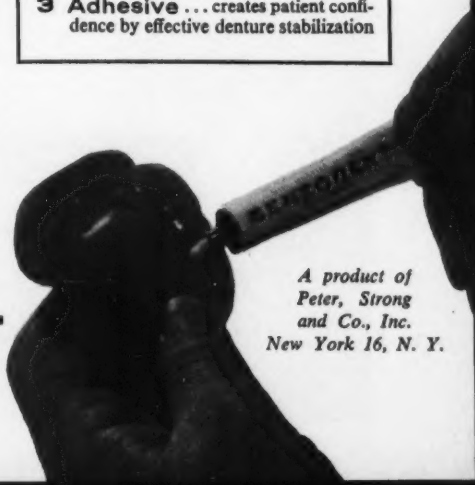
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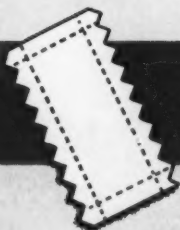
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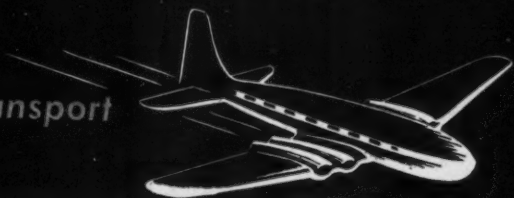
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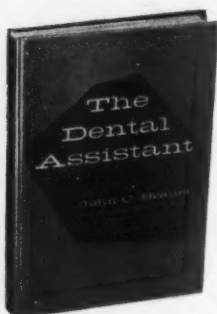


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THE *President's* PAGE

Dear Members:

We have entered a New Year since I last visited with you through these pages and I send my Greetings and Best Wishes for much happiness and success for each one of you in this New Year. May you find 1956 a year filled with OPPORTUNITY.

All Officers, Trustees and Committee Chairmen have their plans for the year underway and they are making the most of every OPPORTUNITY for progress in our Association. However, our progress is dependent also on each one of you, as it takes united effort to be successful in any project we undertake.

There will be a number of brochures, prepared by the ADAA Committees, containing important information to help you throughout the year. When you receive these brochures, I urge you to put them to use in your societies, they are prepared for you.

This past year our membership reached an all time high, indicating an increased interest in our Association and the OPPORTUNITY it provides, through our Educational Program, for better trained Dental Assistants. Still there are many girls employed in dental offices who are not members of our Association. You as members, will have the OPPORTUNITY to encourage other assistants to become members. By explaining the advantages of membership to both assistants and doctors, we may gain many new members for our Association.

Will you "Watch for Your OPPORTUNITY"?

Most sincerely,

BESSIE L. PETERSON, President

The Use of Auxiliary Personnel in Dentistry

By WILLIAM D. MCCARTHY
Denver, Colo.

**Chairman, Committee on Auxiliary Dental Services, American College of Dentists, 1954-55.*

The critical focus of public opinion today, more than ever before, is becoming directed not only toward the goal of adequate dental treatment, but also the establishment and maintenance of good public relations of our profession.

Increased productivity is necessary to improve the dental health of the public. This can only be accomplished by greater efficiency and by the judicious use of auxiliary personnel trained to help close the gap between productive hours and unproductive hours of practice. We might well examine the organization of medical practice today and gain helpful knowledge of the use of their trained auxiliary helpers. The physician is always the important direct contact with the patient.

The selection of a dental assistant is no doubt the most important of the decisions of the average practitioner in the operation of an ethical, properly administered dental practice. The obtaining of better trained and better qualified personnel should be easier with the acceptance of the evaluation of the American Dental Assistant Certification Board.

The attributes evaluated in the Dental Assistants Pledge offer a good beginning stage of selection.

The Dental Assistants Pledge: "I solemnly pledge that in the practice of my profession I will always be loyal to the welfare of the patients who come under by care, and to the interests of the practitioner whom I serve; I will be just and generous to the members of my profession aiding them, giving them encouragement, to be loyal, to be just, to be generous, to be pure, to be upright, to be observant, to be tactful, to be

studious. I hereby pledge to devote my best energies to the services of humanity, in that relationship of life to which I consecrated myself when I elected to become a Dental Assistant."

The selection of your office nurse makes her your legal agent and binds you with the responsibilities thereto expected in matters of records, administration and patient contact.

Some definite formula should be established to name the proper limitations of such a trained assistant. Some states allow, either by practice act or precedent, the assistant to do roentgenographic examination, place rubber dams, dress alveolar sockets, remove excess cement from teeth where inlays have been placed.

Page 7, paragraph 1, "The Bosworth Practice Manual," states:

"The dentist should never have to keep records, spend time on collections, pour casts, invest or cast inlays, make radiographs, put on rubber dams, spray mouths, remove cement from margins, remove rubber dams."

It seems obvious however, that the dentist who allows or requires his assistant to treat aphthae, dress sockets, remove excess cement, place or remove rubber dams, or to act in any manner except as a direct assistant to him is guilty of improper conduct.

The dental hygienist as a professional auxiliary to dentistry is a health educator who uses dental prophylactic treatment as an excellent medium of service and instruction, when working properly supervised by a licensed dentist.

The News Letter, A.D.A., October, 1949, included the following description

of the function of dental hygienists prepared by a group of eighty educators and by hygienists at the conference on Dental Hygiene Training held in Chicago, 1949.

"1. The prime function of the hygienist is to assist the dental profession in providing oral health care to the public. She may apply her knowledge and skill either in the office of a private practitioner or in formal health education activities in schools or other agencies.

"2. The intra-oral operations performed by a hygienist may include and shall be limited to the natural and restored surfaces of the crowns of the teeth beginning at the epithelial attachment. In no case shall she treat pathologic involvement of the crowns of teeth or the supporting or adjacent surfaces."

The dental hygienist in a well regulated office may be an excellent aid to better dental treatment when serving in the capacity for which she was formerly prepared. However, it is the definite responsibility of the dentist to provide from his practice the patients she will treat under his direct supervision. *He* must complete a thorough examination including the lips, mucosa of cheeks, floor of mouth, hard and soft palates, and tongue as well as of the teeth and investing tissues. *She* is neither trained nor licensed to diagnose or treat conditions involving oral pathology.

Definite recommendations should be made regarding the practice in some offices of the hygienist's practice of contouring and polishing restorations, dressing alveolar sockets, making radiographic examinations, adjusting occlusion, etc.

A recommended average pay schedule based on training and experience would prevent the practice of percentage remuneration which is prevalent and is causing morale difficulties.

The third auxiliary to dental practice, the commercial laboratory, has become increasingly more powerful in its influence on the profession through its recommendations of particular materials and technics.

This powerful, well financed and organized group is campaigning for accreditation and licensure.

The Prosthetic Service Committee established in 1934 has done much work on the subject. The report published in the Journal A.C.D., Vol. 17, Number 3, September, 1950, contains an excellent cross section of opinion on the matter. Nine states have been active in accreditation proposals: Alabama, Missouri, North Carolina, New York, Florida, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts and Virginia have been discussing proposals.

The A.D.A. position is definite. It may not, under present policies, participate actively in the formulation of accreditation plans for dental laboratories, nor may it in any way involve itself in the administration of such program. All action must begin at the constituent society level.

Considerable evidence is available that warns the profession to take a definite stand on the status of auxiliary personnel.

Dentists alone, by virtue of their formal training and degree may be licensed to treat all phases of oral conditions from treatment of oral conditions to prosthetic replacement of missing parts.

The services of the laboratory craft have become a necessary part of the average practice. When associated with an office, working under the supervision of the dentists, the mission is well accomplished.

The practice of some laboratories to color the thinking of the profession by advertising products, materials or technics for denture construction should be discouraged. The dentist himself is responsible for design, selection of proper technic, materials, and placement of prosthetic appliances. While the craftsman has a definite place on the team organized to render treatment, he never should be called upon to make tooth shade or mould selections, adjust appliances or in any manner contact the patient.

In summary, it is the responsibility

of our profession, working together to stimulate study, to avail ourselves of the best aid available so as to allow us to render more and better treatment to more patients. The best means of improving our status is by providing better educational facilities for hygienists, assistants, and close supervision and control of lab-

oratory craftsmen. Their auxiliary services all fit into the picture of better dental care, but the service cannot be rendered without the organization and planning by the most important member of the team—you, the dentist.

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KNOW YOUR BY-LAWS

By NITA BROWNING

Given at the Conference of Delegates session of the ADAA annual session in San Francisco, California, October 19, 1955.

The by-laws of a society comprise all its rules that are of such importance that they should not be changed except after suitable notice to the members, and then by a vote larger than a majority of those voting. Rules relating to the transaction of business should not be included because they may be suspended.

By-Laws should prescribe the name and object of the society; its organization, that is, its membership, officers, boards, committees, and how they are elected or appointed; its meetings and quorum; its parliamentary authority; and the method of amending the by-laws. By-laws cannot be suspended like Rules of Order or Standing Rules, and therefore nothing should be put in them that is allowed to be suspended.

The practice of dividing by-laws into Constitution and By-Laws has been handed down from the Early English Parliament. The object of this division was to make the more important rules more difficult to amend than the others. But it is now the custom to make no distinction in the difficulty of amending these fundamental rules, and therefore there is nothing gained by dividing them into Constitution and By-Laws. On the contrary, it is much simpler to call them all by-laws

and to place under each head everything relating to that subject. They are treated that way in the Model By-Laws in Robert's Parliamentary Law, the ADAA By-Laws, the Sample By-Laws for State Associations and Local Societies. We therefore, ask that all new and revised By-Laws be thus written.

By-Laws should be carefully drawn up and seldom amended, but must be kept in agreement with the by-laws of the parent organization. The requirements for amending by-laws cannot be evaded by using some other word than "amend." Never use any other form for changing the by-laws except "amend" or "revise" as they include all changes. Of course, a revision is an amendment. A two-thirds vote of members voting, a quorum being present, should be required for amendment, and it is well to require the amendment to be submitted in writing at the previous meeting or a previous written notice to the membership. When an amendment is taken up for consideration, it may be postponed to another meeting, or it may have any other subsidiary motion applied to it.

Standing rules may be amended by a majority vote of members present if notice of the proposed amendment was

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given at the previous meeting, or they may be amended without notice by a two-thirds vote of the members present or by a vote of the majority of the membership.*

By-Laws should be carefully worded so the meaning is clear. It should not be necessary to have to interpret the meaning by inference or the intention of the Society. An ambiguous by-law should be amended as soon as possible. Some committees may think that complicated, legal phrases add importance to the document, when in fact, they add only confusion. Frequent repetitions should be avoided. All laws concerning one subject should be included in one article which makes for easy reference and avoids duplication. Avoid trite and ambiguous words and phrases.

When a committee on By-Laws is appointed, it should have up-to-date and current material to work with; the latest ADAA Committee Brochure, the sample by-laws, and current correspondence from the ADAA Committee. Destroy out-dated and obsolete material. Too often when a new society is being organized, obsolete organization material has been used and as a result much of the initial work must be done over. This is discouraging to new officers and entails a lot of needless work, time consuming correspondence and tedious typing; not to mention the months of delay in acquiring complete affiliation.

With the advent of the revised booklet, "How to Organize a Local Society" which contains a revised By-Laws, and with the sample By-Laws available from Central Office, there should be no incorrect By-Laws from new societies. The co-operation of the Trustees, state and local officers and committees on By-Laws is requested. Please use current material as a guide when organizing new societies and revising existing By-Laws.

Local societies may include any by-laws they care to, provided they do not conflict with the state or national laws. All amendments and revisions must have

ADAA approval before being placed in the permanent laws of the Component Society. Careful consideration should be given to each new law to make sure it is practical, and possible of administration.

Collection of Dues. It is the duty of the local secretary-treasurer to collect local, state and ADAA dues. Local society by-laws or state association by-laws may NOT provide for installment payment or any form of prorated or reduced dues.

The membership of the ADAA is made up of members of the State Associations and Local Societies and therefore, a local officer may NOT accept payment of local dues only. There can be no partial active membership. Any assistant desiring active membership in an affiliated dental assistant society must pay state and ADAA dues. By-Laws not in agreement with this law cannot be approved.

An assistant who is a non-member should not be allowed to continue attending local meetings without paying dues. A By-Law stating the number of meetings that may be attended as a guest, is a good one.

If a member is employed, (according to Article III, Section 1) at the time she pays dues, she continues in the status of active membership during that fiscal year whether or not she becomes unemployed during the year. If, at the time her dues are to be renewed, she is unemployed, she affiliates as an associate member. There is no membership classification called "inactive."

Right to Vote. The right to vote comes from membership, not from office. All active members in good standing should have the right to vote regardless of office. It is an unfair by-law that prohibits the president to vote except to break a tie. No one may vote twice.

The President should not appoint the nominating committee and should not be ex-officio a member of the nominating committee. The by-laws may contain such provisions as: "The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees

except the nominating committee," and "The President shall appoint all committees except the nominating committee." The by-laws should provide that the nominating committee be elected by the organization or its executive board.**

Quorum. Since it is impracticable to secure the attendance of all the members of a society at many of its meetings, it is necessary to allow a certain proportion of the membership to transact the business of the society. Long continued usage has established this proportion, called a Quorum, as a majority of the membership. Quorum refers to the number present, not the number voting. In boards and committees, this rule, that a quorum consists of a majority of the members, is satisfactory because the members are selected for the special purpose and have no right to accept unless they intend to be present at the meetings. But, in ordinary societies, members are not under moral obligation to attend all the meetings, and it is therefore necessary to adopt a by-law establishing a small quorum. In all ordinary societies the by-laws should provide for as large a quorum as can be depended upon to be present at all meetings. The sample by-laws for local societies provides for a 15 per cent quorum but in small societies with a membership of six to twenty, a larger quorum is necessary.

Elections. If the by-laws state that elections shall be by ballot, a ballot must be used even though there is only one candidate for an office. If it is desired to avoid balloting when there is but one candidate, it may be accomplished by inserting the words, "except when there is but one candidate for an office." Or the following sentence may be added to the article. "If there is only one candidate, by unanimous consent, the secretary may be instructed to cast the ballot."

Revising by-laws need not be difficult, except as you make it so. Read the sample by-laws carefully and note that Article II,

Object, in local by-laws does not contain the words, "to form societies" which appears in the State By-Laws and the ADAA By-Laws. Also note local organizations are called "Societies" and state organizations "Associations."

It is important to KNOW YOUR BY-LAWS and to interpret them exactly.

* Robert's Rules of Order Revised, page 268.

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Patient Contact

By JEANNIE STROUD
Tuscon, Arizona

It occurs to me that the title of this article should perhaps be "How to be a Diplomat," as a dental assistant must certainly be ever mindful of the fact that she is the Doctor's representative, and her actions and attitudes are frequently a reflection on the Doctor with whom she is associated. Since it deals with our contact with the patients—lets analyze some of them a bit.

TELEPHONE CONTACT

This is definitely our first contact with the patient, and a most important one. Our voice is the only means of expressing ourselves over the telephone—so let's keep a smile in our voice and be careful of our grammar and manner of speech. We should always use the positive, never the negative approach, speak pleasantly but firmly. There is a way to make the person on the other end of the line feel that we are trying to be helpful when we refer him to another office, rather than giving him the feeling that we are too busy and want to be rid of him. Do not be too informative about fees—never quote them over the telephone. It is much better to suggest that a patient come in for an examination and discuss the matter of fees with the Doctor. Keeping the above mentioned suggestions in mind will help us to make the proper first contact with the patient and do a great deal to smooth the path for ourselves and the Doctor in future relations with the patient.

OFFICE CONTACT

What about the patient who comes to the office demanding to see the Doctor right away? This patient will frequently tell us he has been bothered quite a while

with the tooth—the cavity has just been getting bigger and bigger, but he has been real busy and just put off coming in or calling. If he could read our minds—but instead, we put a smile on our face and in our voice and tell him we will check our schedule. If upon so doing we find it is impossible to see him immediately, we tactfully suggest that we will be happy to help him try to find someone who might be able to see him and give him relief. The next time this happens to you, when the patient has gone—check your rating on this contact. Did you, above all, keep a smile on your face and in your voice? Did you feel that the patient believed you were trying to be helpful?

Then there is the fellow who just wants to be "squeezed in" for a quick prophylaxis, or just "two weeny cavities." We must admit most of us had just as soon be rid of this type—but instead of saying so—here comes that smile on your face and in your voice, (a genuine smile, not the smug grin that suggests the pleasure we have an urge to feel because we truthfully have Doctor's schedule completely filled). We patiently and politely explain about the people who already have appointments, and it wouldn't be fair to them to have their time taken by working someone else in on their time, but you will be glad to give a regular appointment or put him on the cancellation list.

Then comes your favorite patient, who is forever late, arrives breathless, jangling keys, coughing or sighing as he hangs his head inside the window between the reception room and the inner office. His actions indicate that both you and the Doctor have committed a grievous error if he must be kept waiting a few minutes. All you need do is acknowledge his pres-

ence, and return to your work—but, again, don't forget your smile, your polite manner, and offer a few words of explanation that the Doctor is running a little behind schedule and that he will have to wait a few minutes. Successful contact? If you survive the withering glance, which you very likely will—you tried and he would likely have frowned anyway. Sometimes you are surprised, your smile is disarming—you may even get one in return.

PATIENT EDUCATION

The efficient assistant should be capable of giving the patient a little intelligent information regarding general dentistry, and the manner in which your particular office operates. It is necessary that we be familiar with terms such as: dental caries, deciduous teeth, the importance of first permanent molars, necessity of orthodontic treatment, prosthetic restorations, extractions and the like. We should never give information that could be regarded as advice or treatment—this is the Doctor's field. But we don't necessarily need to give the impression that we are there solely to answer the telephone, do the necessary housekeeping, or to be an ornament around the office. Please, please remember the child patient. He needs our help in dental education more than any other patient. He doesn't want us to pity him, or sympathize too much, but he wants kindness and understanding. We can do much to allay his fear for the dental chair, and to calm him. We can help him lose his dread for future visits.

OFFICE ETIQUETTE IN GENERAL

Remember you are the hostess in the office. Your welcome must be sincere, and your interest in the patient's comfort is important. A little personal interest, such as mentioning small things the patient has told you about himself, his children, his work or the like, usually pleases him. He likes to feel that you are interested first in assisting the Doctor in

giving him the very best in dental services, but that you are interested in him as an individual beyond the point of the fee he will be paying your doctor for these services. Never gossip or speak in a derogatory manner about another office or Doctor. Be pleasant and courteous.

To some of you the examples I have mentioned may seem elementary, or even trivial or unimportant. Nevertheless, they undoubtedly occur in almost every dental office regularly, and our mishandling of situations of this sort can surely be damaging to our Doctor's practice.

In a recent issue of a journal received by the Doctors, I read a report of a survey conducted in the United States to determine the most important factor or phase of dental office management. It stated that five out of nine dentists named patient contact as the most important. One state in the Southwest listed it as 30 per cent, in the mid-Atlantic States it was listed as 50 per cent.

Most busy dentists must depend upon their assistants to handle these contacts with the patient. Efficiency as a chairside assistant is of no value if we succeed in offending the patients. What good is a Doctor or an office without patients?

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS

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Time: 9 o'clock A.M.

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OREGON DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION:

Date: January 19, 1956

Place: University of Oregon Dental College,
Portland, Oregon

SOUTH DAKOTA DENTAL ASSISTANT ASSOCIATION:

Date: February 18, 1956

Place: Arnold W. Carlson Dental Laboratory,
Sioux Falls, So. Dakota

Those C. D. A. Hands

By JEANETTE REED*

"Those marvelous, versatile, dental assistant's hands." Have you ever paused long enough to really appreciate your hands? Next to your eyes, I believe they are perhaps your most precious possession. This is especially significant in the Dental Profession. For certainly, without these priceless possessions, there would be no dentistry.

I would like for you to hold your hands before you and really take a good look at them. What do you see? What you do see is a permanent record of your life outlined there. In other words—"Your Hands Tell All." A brief histology reveals that the Greek Philosopher, Aristotle the father of organized science, stated centuries ago—"The superiority of man over animals lies in the hand, and man's superiority over man lies in the thumb.

Science teaches us that at four months of impregnation the tiny hands are completely formed in miniature. At this early stage the skin covering the tiny palm is marked with the main lines, which are borne throughout life. The hands of the new born babe are fully marked, and the lines of the hand change only under the influence of the mind, the will, the emotions, and particularly under the influence of deep reaching disease. The shape of the hand never changes.

The thumb is of supreme importance in the usefulness of the hand. The human thumb is so situated, or organized, as to be able always to act in a direction opposite to that of the other fingers, and is a symbol of the inner or moral senses, which we oppose to our will, and through it, to the temptations of our instincts and our senses. Proofs abound of these assertions. Imbeciles and idiots habitually keep the thumb within the palm, also those who have no moral senses do likewise.

The thumbs of the new born babe are bent within the palm; the tiny fingers clasp over it. With the advent of awakening consciousness, when self-reliance and will power awaken, comes the instinctive throwing out of the thumb. At the approach of death, the thumb, with an instinctive motion, seems to fall into the palm of the hand.

And the finger-tips with their individual swirls; a never failing means of identification which has been adopted by every police department in the world. It has been proven that the design of the swirls, which exist on the finger tip of the embryo in its six months' stage of impregnation, remains practically unaltered, not only at birth, but from the cradle to the grave.

I would like to have time and space to tell you all about the many fascinating things about the palm of your hand and its lines—your life line, your heart line, and the many other significant lines.

Why am I writing about your hands? Because I believe that few of us really appreciate the value of our hands. Especially important to the Dental Profession are the **TRAINED HANDS**. When we elected to become dental assistants, we more or less pledged our hands to that service, and with the help of the ADAA Extension Study Course and Certification we can change the unsure hand, which functions at the Doctor's spoken direction, to one with a firm, sure grasp of knowledge, directing a flow of service to the Doctor without direction.

In this issue of the journal you will learn that there are now 4,033 Certified Dental Assistants. Multiply this by two and appreciate, if you will, the growing number of "**TRAINED HANDS**" offered in service to the Dental profession.

The ADAA Education Committee and

Certification Board members are working untiringly to improve all aspects of Certification. You are invited to take advantage of this OPPORTUNITY to increase the value of the service your hands perform daily in the interest of dental

health care, and help make the American Dental Assistants Association membership one-hundred per-cent certified.

*Jeanette Reed, of Kansas City, Missouri, has just completed serving a two year assignment on the Certification Board.

Do You *Gossip*?

By CONSTANCE MACMURRAY
of the *Miami Daily News*.

Do you have a loathsome bit of vegetation in your office? No, I don't mean the *Aspidistra* you have perched on top of the filing cabinet and tend with such shocking irregularity. The plant I am talking about is always well nurtured and, compared to it, the cannibal plant of the tropics seems like a harmless little *bougainvillea*.

I am referring—heaven help us all—to the office grapevine. If you have never come into contact with it, get down on your knees and thank your stars. But if you work in an office of five or more people it is a safe bet that you know all about it if, indeed you haven't already suffered as a result of it.

Unlike the cannibal plant, the grapevine doesn't kill its victims—it does far worse! It winds and twists through every department of organization, withering reputations, assassinating characters, and in many cases strangling the most promising careers.

The baffling thing about the office grapevine is that it is not nurtured primarily by the weak and vicious, but for the most part by really nice people—people who love their families, are kind to children and pets, and wouldn't hurt another human being in the world.

Why then do they do it? Why the innuendo, the raised eyebrow, the cruel laugh, the "Don't repeat it to a soul, but I heard..." routine? I once had it ex-

plained to me by a psychiatrist as "a desire to seem important by knowing—and revealing—the worst about one's associates." A sad commentary on God's noblest creation!

Human nature being what it is, I suppose we shall never succeed in wholly eliminating the office grapevine, but we could all help a little if we would, by taking a positive stand and refusing to give currence to rumors, half truths and innuendos about others.

When I was very young, my mother gave me a wonderful rule to go by and, had I remembered it always, I would have avoided a great deal of trouble along the way.

She said, "When you feel you **MUST** tell something to another person, let it first go through three gates of gold. Ask yourself,

First: Is it true? If it is true, you at least haven't stooped to lying.

Second: Is it necessary? It isn't imperative to tell all, even when true.

Third: Is it kind? This is the last and narrowest gate—be sure you answer from your heart.

And if what you want to say can pass through all three gates, then tell it freely and never fear what the result will be."

So pause and consider well before you speak. The reputation you save may be your own!

From Central Office Wires—

SUGGESTIONS FOR COOPERATION WITH ADAA

1. Answer all correspondence promptly.
2. Always use regular size letterheads and paper—and give name and address of sender.
3. Remit dues promptly—made out according to instructions for remitting dues. Make separate lists of renewed and new members. Arrange names alphabetically. Give home address, and name and address of doctor, for each member. Be careful to have accurate spellings and addresses.
4. Make checks for dues payable to the American Dental Assistants Association, and add ten cents exchange fee for each check.
5. Report names and addresses of newly elected officers—both local and state, in triplicate.
6. Send one or more copies of annual program to the ADAA. (The Public Relations Committee gives prizes for the best programs—both State and Local. Send programs to the Chairman, to enter the contest.)
7. Return ADAA questionnaires on time, as directed, with all necessary information.
8. Cooperate with the Staff of The Dental Assistant, by sending material to the various Editors, and before the deadline date. Submit papers read at your Annual Meeting to the Editor.
9. Send changes of name and address to the Subscription Manager (or the Executive Secretary). Report non-receipt of journals to the Subscription Manager.
10. Cooperate with ADAA Officers, Trustees, and Committee Chairmen.
11. Increase membership, and organize new societies wherever possible.
12. Wherever possible, local societies should arrange elections during May or June, and report names and addresses of new officers promptly to State and ADAA, so that a Directory may be compiled which will carry correct and up-to-date data for the convenience and guidance of the entire Association.

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Aside from business—Honorary member, Marion Edwards of Canada, asks that we express her thanks to the many friends who sent her messages from San Francisco. She missed us also!



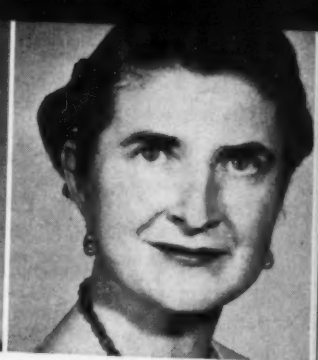
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EDITORIAL

ARE YOU A DEDICATED, FUTURE CONSCIOUS, DENTAL ASSISTANT?

We do not pretend that our work as dental assistants is the most important in the world of science and health. In an age when Dr. Salk finds a polio vaccine, when horizons are being opened in the field of mental health, when we are slowly, yet inexorably, closing in on heart disease and cancer, we recognize that the niche we dental assistants occupy in the household of medicine is tiny and obscure. But, when we realize that our dentists are treating the ONLY DISEASE that has infected 95% of the population of the United States, dental caries, every assistant should realize that our work can be as important and as vital as we care to make it.

We as dental assistants work closely with our patients, and our contribution to their dental health and happiness can loom larger in their lives than many of the dramatic cures. In the perfection of our work we can achieve a sense of deep satisfaction and mutual admiration and respect, which is denied most people in the world of business and the arts.

A famous poet once wrote, "An individual's grasp should exceed his reach, or what's a Heaven for?". These inspiring words urge us to aim higher than we think we are able to reach. Because in the aim, in the grasp for more than we dare hope to achieve, we can sometimes find a rare happiness and unexpected strength. I realized just how VITAL our task could be when I attended the 6th National Dental Health Conference in San Francisco, as your representative.

When we, as dental assistants, KNOW that we can make the child's first visit to our dental office pleasing and inviting, when we KNOW we can impress upon our patients the importance of proper dental health care, when we KNOW and STRESS the importance of our recall system for all age brackets, when we KNOW it is OUR DUTY to LEARN and STUDY, to THINK and TALK dental health, then we will KNOW that we are improving and perfecting the service which is in our HANDS and our HEARTS and MINDS to give.

When we find that our fervent grasp for something out of our reach is understood and appreciated, we can better understand the poet's writing, "A Heaven on earth, which is achieved when the far away goal suddenly, almost indiscernably, pops up—NOT IN THE CLOUDS—but almost within reach of our clutching fingertips."

Exceed your reach; be enthusiastic about dental health and education; assist by redoubling your efforts; work just a little harder; and give yourself the OPPORTUNITY to be a dedicated, future conscious dental assistant.

JANET LINDENBERG,
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Iowa Dental Assistants Association: May 6-9, 1956; Des Moines, Iowa.

President: Marcella Passow, 500 Snell Bldg., Fort Dodge.

Secretary: Winifred La Master, Box 314, Griswold.

Idaho Dental Assistants Association: September 27-29, Sun Valley, Idaho.

President: Naomi Dopson, 123 Maine Avenue West, Twin Falls.

Secretary: Fran Thompson, 393 Buchanan Street, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Minnesota Dental Assistants Association: April 22-24, St. Paul, Minn.

President: Helen Tuckner, 1004 Marion Street, St. Paul.

Secretary: Patricia McDonald, 1267 Palace Ave., St. Paul.

Nebraska Dental Assistants Association: April 30-May 3, Omaha, Nebraska.
President: Gertrude Naumann, Lexington.
Secretary: Pauline M. Sorter, 1345 H. Street, Apt. E-2, Lincoln.

North Dakota Dental Assistants Association: May 6-9, Minot, N. Dakota.
President: Gloris Brunsvold, Box 962, Grand Forks.

Secretary: Audrey Stetson, Hazen.
Oregon Dental Assistants Association: March 5-7, Portland, Oregon.

President: Sybol Prescott, 275 W. Park Road, Grants Pass.

Secretary: Lucy Hartman, 5304 North Moore Avenue, Portland.

South Dakota Dental Assistants Association: May 14-16, Huron, So. Dakota.
President: Rachel White, Parker.
Secretary: Ione Powell, Box 409, Vermillion.

Washington Dental Assistants Association: March 22-24, Seattle, Wash.
President: Helen Schwartz, 2347 So. Ainsworth, Tacoma.

Secretary: Leona Huntley, 1604 Medical Dental Building, Seattle.

District of Columbia Dental Assistants Association: March 11-14, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Secretary: Sue Allison, 1021 S. Barton Street, Apt. 104, Arlington, Va.

In Memoriam

BE IT KNOWN, God in His infinite wisdom has called to rest our friend,
MARGARET PATRICIA MURPHY (DOLLARD)
June 29, 1955 and,

BE IT KNOWN, MARGARET PATRICIA MURPHY (DOLLARD) was
a member of the St. Louis Dental Assistant Society, and

BE IT KNOWN, Family she had none, and as an orphan rose to be a
shining example of a friend to all. The ADAA has lost a
faithful worker with kindly and jovial manner by the
passing of "OUR PAT" who served our organization long
and well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the association remember "PAT"
in prayer and we all give thought to the love of God who
giveth life and taketh life when our work on earth is done.

The world goes on without you,

The sun still comes in view:

The shadows darken daily,

And night comes on us too,

"Though everything continues,

Just as it did before,

You're gone but not forgotten,

In Our hearts for ever more.

Kathryn Goller, President Missouri State

Dorothy Hyde, State Recording Secretary of Missouri

Patricia Welsch, Secretary St. Louis ADA Missouri

Submitted by: Elma Troutman, General Secretary, American Dental
Assistants Association.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATION BOARD, INC.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

OCTOBER 1955

QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

1. Applicants for certification by the Board shall be high school graduates, or have the equivalent education of such graduates.
2. All applicants must be active members of the American Dental Assistants Association. Where a question arises as to membership status, the membership record of an applicant for certification, as recorded in the files of the American Dental Assistants Association's central office, will be accepted as final proof of eligibility.
3. Applicants shall have been employed in ethical dental offices, clinics, institutions or hospitals for a period of two (2) full years prior to date of examination.
4. Applicants shall have completed courses approved by the American Dental Assistants Association, or shall have graduated from a school of oral hygiene which has been accepted by the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education.
5. Graduates of dental assistant training courses of at least 1,000 clock hours, given in schools approved by the American Dental Assistants Association, may apply for certification without examination, provided they are employed and have been employed for two years in ethical dental offices, clinics, institutions or hospitals and have active membership in the American Dental Assistants Association. Proof of eligibility in respect to graduation shall be furnished by the school from which the applicant has graduated.
6. Application for examination shall be made on a form provided by the Board and accompanied by an examination fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00). Application for certification without examination shall be made on a form provided by the Board and accompanied by an application fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00).
7. An applicant shall not be given a refund for failure to take the examination at the designated time and in no case shall the examination fee be refunded, unless in the opinion of the Board the applicant is deemed ineligible for examination. Written reasons for non-appearance at examination must be furnished to the Executive Secretary of the American Dental Assistants Certification Board within thirty (30) days.
8. No applicant shall be acted upon until the examination fee is received by the Executive Secretary.
9. If the candidate fails in the examination she will be permitted to take a second examination within three (3) years from the date of her previous examination.
10. An applicant desiring re-examination by the Board shall be required to file a new application; there will be no fee for first re-examination.
11. An applicant having failed twice to pass her examination shall be required to file a new application before she is eligible for subsequent examination and in addition thereto shall pay an examination fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the Executive Secretary, and shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that she has made additional preparation for such examination.
12. Independent qualified members of the American Dental Assistants Association, who are not affiliated with a state association or local society, may apply to the Board to take the examination at the annual meeting of the organization. Any candidates who are unable to attend such annual meeting may be granted the privilege by the Board of taking the examination at the state association or local society most convenient to their residence.
13. It shall be the privilege of any qualified member of the American Dental Assistants Association to apply to be examined by the Board at any annual meeting of the organization. Said examination will not be given to less than five candidates.

EXAMINATIONS

1. Examinations shall be written and by practical demonstration.
2. All examinations shall be prepared by the Board of Directors of the organization.
3. All applications for examination for certification by the Board of Directors shall be made at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the examination.
4. The applicants shall apply through the state Education Committee Chairman, to the state association secretary, or to the local association secretary where no state association exists, and such secretary shall then apply to the Executive Secretary of the Board, presenting the applications of the candidates and requesting the desired number of examination papers.

5. Examinations shall be conducted by state associations, or local societies where no state association exists.
6. The Examining Committee is to be composed of American Dental Assistants Association Certified members and shall consist of the Education Committee Chairman, one member of the State Association Executive Committee, and one member-at-large, appointed by the President of the State Association (or local society where on state association exists). Dentists are invited to serve as examiners for the practical phase of the examination only.
7. The Chairman of the Examining Committee shall be designated by the President of the State Association (or local society where no state association exists).
8. State Associations (or local societies where no state association exists) may hold the Certification examination at a time and place convenient to the majority of the members. Not more than two (2) examinations may be given in a state within a calendar year.
9. The Board may grant permission to hold examinations at a time other than at the state meeting.
10. The Executive Secretary of the Board shall send the examination papers to the Examining Chairman, who shall hold them in secrecy to be opened in the presence of those taking the examination.
11. Examination papers and grades on the practical demonstration shall be returned immediately to the Executive Secretary of the Board, by the Examining Chairman, following the completion of the examination.

12. A passing grade of 70% shall be required for certification in both the written test and the practical demonstration.
13. Notice of date of examination shall be published in the bulletins of the local and state associations affiliated with the American Dental Assistants Association's journal, and in state and local dental society journals, if possible.
14. State Associations and Local Societies shall notify their members by mail of the examination date at least ninety (90) days prior to the examination.

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STATES THAT HELD EXAMINATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES ISSUED FROM AUGUST 3 TO NOVEMBER 25, 1955:

Montana; Tennessee; Pennsylvania; Virginia;
Annual Examination—Northern California;
New Mexico.

69 qualified dental assistants took the examina-
tion.

65 passed the examination.

To date we have 4,033 Certified Dental As-
sistants.

States that held examinations before Novem-
ber 25, and the name does not appear here,
will be included in the report in the next
issue.

IN MEMORIAM

MISS ELIZABETH MILLER departed this life on Sunday, October 2, 1955. Her forty-three years of faithful service to her employers, the Doctors Williams and Ivers, and their patients, has earned a special place in their hearts for Elizabeth. Her friendliness, council, and love will be deeply missed by the Fort Wayne Dental Assistants.

ELMA TROUTMAN
ADAA General Secretary.

THE "E'S" MISSION

Someone has advanced the opinion that the letter "e" is the most unfortunate letter in the English alphabet because it always is out of cash, forever in debt, never out of danger and in hell all the time. For some reason, he overlooked the fortunates of this letter so we call his

attention to the fact that "e" is never in war and always in peace. It is the beginning of existence, the start of ease and and the end of trouble. Without it, there would be no meat, no life and no heaven. It is the center of honesty, makes love and causes happiness.

Submitted by: Lulu Mehrman, San Gabriel Valley (Calif.) D.A.A.

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION PRICE LIST ADAA EMBLEM, PIN, AND GUARDS

	10K	Gold Filled
Emblem Pin.....	\$3.65	
Gavel with Pearl—State President.....	3.85	\$2.50
Gavel—Component Society President.....	2.75	1.85
Gavel with "Vice" on handle—All Vice Presidents.....	2.75	1.85
Quill with 3 Pearls—State Secretary.....	3.85	2.75
Quill—Component Societies.....	2.75	1.85
Inkwell—Assistant Secretaries.....	2.75	1.85
Crossed Quill & Key—Secretary-Treasurer.....	3.85	2.75
Key with 3 Pearls—State Treasurer.....	3.85	2.75
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Quill in Inkwell—Editor.....	3.25	2.25
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Open Book—Historian.....	2.75	1.85
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Two Letter Guard—Separate Letters.....	5.50	3.85
Special Design—Double Letter.....	3.25	2.25
Double Numeral Year Guard.....	2.75	
Loyalty Guards—5 Year and 10 Year.....	2.75	
Loyalty Guards—15 Year, 20 Year and 25 Year.....	3.85	
Trustee Guard.....	2.75	
Certification Wreath Only*.....	3.85	
Attach wreath to your ADAA Pin.....	1.15	
Certification Pin Complete*.....	7.50	

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Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



*"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."*

OMAR KHAYYAM

'Tis true: the past is done. Turn the page! Janus, the Roman god of doorways, of beginnings, whose name is lent to the first month of our new year, has two faces—one looking back and one looking forward. I would admonish you to pause at the shrine of Janus only long enough to gird yourself against past mistakes for future successes! President Bessie Peterson has opened to you a doorway called "Opportunity"—grasp opportunity with both hands as you set out on the clean path offered you by the new year and do not let go until you have given the best of yourself.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New York

The First District Dental Assistants of New York, Inc., rang the Christmas bells, says Lee M. Taras, New York State Reporter, in December when the dental assistant members of all the boroughs of New York entertained the members of the New Jersey Dental Assistants Association. Immediate Past President of ADAA Ruth Doring and New York State President Catherine Manilla were honored guests at this meeting, as was Dr. Michael S. Burnham, President of the First District Dental Society, who brought warm greetings to the members. The January meeting of the First District group was held at the Statler Hotel in New York. A pre-meeting clinic got the program under way and was followed by an "Information, Please" session presided over by Dr. Rufus L. Robinson and Dr. Robert S. Wolfram. February will bring a film program to this group, preceded by the usual pre-meeting clinic, at the Statler Hotel. The films are

entitled "Overweight—Losing To Win" and "Mental Health."

The Dental Assistants Study Club of the Second District held a memorable meeting in December when the always-lovely candlelight service highlighted the installation ceremony for the new officers. This was followed by a gala Christmas party to which each member brought gaily wrapped packages, "a gift for the needy," for distribution to needy infants, children and hospitalized aged. Bea Gindea, Chairman of the Extension Study Course, announced that December brought three class sessions covering "Instruments and Their Uses," "Sterilization of Instruments" and a "Review Session." The January meeting of this group brought greetings from the newly elected president of the Second District Dental Society and expressions of gratitude from Dr. A. Wagner and Bea Gindea to Dr. Heinze, Dr. Abeloff, Dr. Obst, Fanny Cohen, Ann DeMeo and many others who gave so unstintingly of their time and effort to make the Certification Course a success. Dr. Wagner and Bea Gindea reaped their share of commendation for a job well done.

The Elmira Dental Assistants Society celebrated the Christmas season with the election of officers, an impressive installation ceremony conducted by Marion S. Rice and a happy Christmas party. Discussion is under way to organize a Triple Cities Dental Assistants Society and guest speakers at this meeting included Gertrude Carhart, 2nd District Trustee, and Helen Overfield, New York State Past President. The January meeting of this society was held in the Mark Twain Hotel with guest speaker Dr. A. J. Leahy presenting his lecture on "Pharmacology." A spirited membership drive is under way in this society.

The December meeting of the Suffolk County Dental Assistants Society was held at the Huntington YMCA and presented Clinician

Dr. Leon Cohen speaking on "Occupational Therapy." The January meeting was again held at the YMCA with Eldora Moore as guest speaker. She chose "Benefits of a Dental Assistants Association" as her topic.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society held its December meeting at the Rockville Centre with guest speakers Dr. Edward G. Ross and Dr. Erwin Kaplan presenting a clinic on "Hypnodontics."

The Syracuse Dental Assistants Society marked its December meeting with the impressive installation ceremony for its new officers. Alberta Spalding served as Installing Officer and Katherine Hauman presided at the Table of Friendship. The January meeting of this group was held in the Director's Room of the Merchants National Bank Building. A new idea in fund-raising was reported at this meeting, namely, a benefit performance by Bea Solomon of "Silk Stockings" and "Damn Yankee" in a two-act presentation at the Museum of Fine Arts. The proceeds from this novel idea enriched the Delegates' Fund of this group.

The Richmond County Dental Assistants Society held a combination Installation Service and Christmas Party at the home of Dorothy Landau in December and held its January meeting in the office of Dr. A. DeLillo in Staten Island. Dr. DeLillo presented his topic "Information Pertinent to the Dental Assistant."

The Buffalo Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in January at the Hotel Lenox when it presented guest speaker Jerry Everts, a writer for the *Courier-Express*, with an enlightening talk on "Confessions of a Columnist."

News from New Jersey

Margaret Volpe writes of the Mid-winter Meeting of the New Jersey State Dental Assistants Association held in November at the Park Hotel, Plainfield, N. J. Educational lectures and clinics were the features of this meeting. Certification examinations were held in December in both Monmouth County and Essex County. State Education Chairman Lillie Fairchild is directing the enthusiastic efforts of the New Jersey girls for the "Work Shop" planned as a week-end meeting in February at the Georgette Hotel, Asbury Park, N. J.

The Essex County Dental Assistants Society heard guest speaker Dr. Joseph D'Oonofrio present his clinic on "Oral Hygiene" at its November meeting when the dental hygienists were invited guests. In December this society held its annual Christmas Party where the only requirement for admission to the party was a donation to charity—and there was standing room only! The Essex County members expressed gratitude to their president, Corinne Kernes, for her splendid presentation of a clinic at the National Meeting in San Fran-

cisco and a clinic at the Greater New York Meeting in New York in December.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association held its Annual Meeting at the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, in November with 86 members and guests registered. Monday brought the first House of Delegates, followed in the afternoon by the General Session. President Ruth Waldoock presided at this meeting. The invocation was brought by Dr. Carlos H. Schott of Cincinnati, the pledge to the flag was led by Lois Osten and the address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Steffel, President-elect of the Ohio State Dental Association. Greetings were brought by Dr. D. R. Kinsley, President of the Cleveland Dental Society, and Laura Armanini, 1st Vice President of the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association, with the response given by Mary Faler, 2nd Vice President. "The Dental Assistant's Role in Lay Education" was the title of the inspiring address given by Dr. Henry E. Kelly of Cleveland. Dr. Kelly is active in the administration of Children's Dental Health Day, was instrumental in securing national recognition of it and was present when the President of the United States signed the first proclamation on Children's Dental Health Day. President Ruth Waldoock closed this session with her splendid address of "Unity" followed by the showing of the film covering the national meeting held in Miami Beach. Tuesday morning was devoted to a "Conference on Component Problems" with Lillian Hoffman, Past President of ADAA, as moderator. The 2nd House of Delegates brought the nomination and election of officers on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday morning, the Coral Room of the Hollenden was the scene of the solemn and beautiful candlelight service for the installation of new officers. Alberta Reed served as Installing Officer, Verna Mae Souder as Conducting Officer and Lillian Hoffman presided at the Table of Friendship. The eagerly-awaited awards were announced with Northwestern Dental Assistants Society winning the Cooperation Trophy, the Cincinnati Dental Assistants Society winning the Dr. G. Layton Grier Membership Trophy and the Dayton Dental Assistants Society winning the Attendance Trophy. The fund-raising efforts of the Ohio State Association in the form of a raffle netted over \$1,000.00 for its Delegate Fund and the prize offered the girl selling the most books of tickets was won by Pauline Holb of Akron. Wednesday afternoon was the time for the poster and table clinic competition held in conjunction with the table clinics of the Ohio State Hygienists Association and the Ohio State Dental Association. The A. D. Mizzy Trophy for best poster was awarded the Akron Dental Assist-

ants Society and the Clinic Trophy was awarded the Cleveland Dental Assistant Society. The Annual Banquet and Dance honoring President Ruth Waldo was held in the Assembly Room of the Hollenden with Banquet Chairman Charlotte Grossman in charge. The Loyalty Trophy award was announced at this banquet, going to Helen Thomas of Akron for over 18 years with Dr. Carlson.

The Lorain County Dental Assistants Society held its election of officers in November. Guest speaker Mr. Bruce Sotherlain of the DuPont Co. presented his clinic on "Developing X-rays" which he illustrated with slides. The annual Christmas party completed the activities of this group for the year.

The Cleveland Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting at the Theatrical Grill with guest speaker Mr. Max Eisenstat presenting an interesting talk on the Cleveland Playhouse. The following meeting brought the election of officers, guest speaker Dr. Arthur E. Phelps with his lecture on "Orthodontics" and a lecture and film presented by the American Cancer Society. In December the lovely candlelight service marked the installation of new officers which was followed by the annual Christmas party.

The Warren Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting when its members made a tour of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company office. The tour was conducted by Mr. Andrews, Mr. Kane and Mr. Adams. Guest speaker at the November meeting was Mr. John Vacca who conducted a clinic on "Casting Gold Inlays."

The Keely Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in November when its guest speaker was Dr. James Glenn. Dr. Glenn spoke on "Oral Surgery" and was assisted by his assistants, Mary Ann Gadd and Bernadine Kraus who also presented table clinics. The December meeting of this group was held in Middletown and took the form of a Clinic Night. Clinics presented were "The Role of the Dental Assistant" by Mary McFall, "Child Psychology" by Novella Eubanks, "Telephone Technique and Helpful Hints" by Peg Ferdig and "Sterilization" by Urcell Jackson.

The Stark County Dental Assistants Society held a dinner meeting at the St. Francis Hotel, Canton, in November. Guest speaker of the evening was Virginia Unkefer, R. N., who presented an informative lecture and practical demonstration on "Home Nursing." Announcement was made at this meeting of the election of member Marie Wolf to the office of 2nd Vice President of the Ohio State Dental Assistants Association. In December, the members met at the home of President Jerry Bender for the annual celebration of "Help A Family" night. Baskets of food, gaily wrapped toys and gifts and boxes of clothing were prepared for the needy family "adopted" by this society

for the Christmas season. Reports on the national meeting in San Francisco by Alberta Reed and the state meeting in Cleveland by Mildred Schworm and Marilyn Weaver were read. The January meeting will present a lecture on "Gerontology" by Mrs. Joseph Markley of Canton. The 5th Certification Class is working enthusiastically toward certification.

News from Pennsylvania

The Philadelphia Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting when guest speaker M. Robert Beckman presented his lecture on "Malpractice in the Dental Office." The following meeting was in charge of President Ruth Hanna who presented her doctor, Dr. Frank Fitzpatrick, speaking on "Dentistry and Equipment." To the November meeting, each member brought a vase for flowers and guest speaker Mr. Andrew Strang selected six vases and presented his talk and demonstration on "Floral Arrangements for the Reception Room." This group concluded its program for the year with its annual Christmas Dinner at the Alpha Club. Our thanks for these fine reports goes to Eula Forgatch, Ohio State Reporter, Mary Alice Calhoun, Philadelphia Publicity Chairman, and Marcia Hankin, Third District Reporter.

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Louisiana

Marie Richardson, State Publicity Chairman, reports on the November meeting of the Shreveport Dental Assistants Society when it installed its new officers with a lovely candlelight ceremony. The Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party conducted by this society was a huge success, taking the form of an out-door barbecue at Cross Lake Camp with Dr. W. M. Monsour as host and the families of the dental assistants, their doctors and representatives of the supply houses as honored guests.

News from Alabama

The Dothan Dental Assistants Society presented guest speaker Dr. J. C. Coleman, Chiropodist, with his splendid lecture on "Foot Care" illustrated by charts and the skeleton of a human foot. The following meeting was held at the Parkway Restaurant and guest speaker Grace Browning, dental assistant to Dr. Polly Ayers, Birmingham, spoke on "What An Association Can Mean to a Dental Assistant." This society was privileged to have six of its members appear on a local TV station, WTVY, in an open forum entitled "Who, What and Why About Local, State and National Dental Assistant Associations."

The Sixth District Dental Assistants Society held a fine meeting at Linger Longer Lodge with the members' doctor and wives as honored guests. The following meeting was held at the Phillip Restaurant in Tuscaloosa and presented guest speaker Dr. Richard L. Bailey,

Greensboro, with his topics "The Importance of Obtaining Medical History and Previous Dental Experiences of a Dental Patient" and "Pain After Extraction."

The Mobile Dental Assistants Society held its dinner meeting at the Cawthron Hotel and presented an enlightening program on the United Fund. Mr. Charles Bellman, representative from the United Fund, spoke on the work of this organization and showed a film covering his subject, and Dr. Wilson Gaillard, President of the Alabama Dental Association, spoke briefly and pointed out how giving could be done through each office. The Certification Class of this society is engaged in the study of "Carvings and Designs."

The Fifth District Dental Assistants Society held its meeting at the Reich Hotel, Gadsden, when the Duncan Department Store presented a delightful style show covering nurses' uniforms, shoes and slippers and rainy-day protection for the working girl.

The Birmingham Dental Assistants Society enjoyed a stimulating meeting when guest speaker, Dr. Emanuel Cheraskin, Head of the Department of Oral Diagnosis at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, presented an illustrated lecture on "Signs and Symptoms of Congenital Syphilis." This lecture was of particular interest since pioneer research in this important field was done just last year in the Birmingham Dental School by Dr. Jesse McCormick. The Birmingham society has added a new "gimmick" to stimulate attendance at its meetings—a prize of educational value. The lucky girls so far were Betty Sandlin and Evelyn Harris. A First Aid Course, held in the Red Cross Building each week, was started in September with 20 dental assistants from this society enrolled. The Annual Clinic Night was held at the First Avenue Britling Cafeteria and presented clinics "Sterilization in the Dental Office" by Gordy M. Lackey, "Preparation of a Zinc Oxide and Eugenol Base" by Mary Lewis, "The Lowly Shoe" by Eleanor Schenk and "Dark Room Technique" by Vallie Stewart. Splendid papers were presented by Jean Daniel, Ruby Session, Harriet Johnson and Marty Welch. This fine meeting closed with the interesting review of a magazine article entitled "Twenty-four Words Can Change Your Outlook" as presented by Harriet Harper. Lorraine Glausier is the State Reporter for Alabama.

News from Florida

Betty Macy, "that character from Florida" as she terms herself, writes warmly of the deep appreciation for hospitality, genuine friendliness and splendid job done by the California hostesses as expressed by the Florida girls at the November meeting of the Miami District Dental Assistants Society. Election of new officers and the splendid report on the national convention by Bobbie Oxar were the

order of business for the evening. Announcement was made of the appointment of Nell Prothero as ADAA Membership Chairman and the Program Award given Florida State. Thanks, Betty.

FIFTH DISTRICT

News from Tennessee

The Nashville Dental Assistants Society proudly honored its first group of certified dental assistants with a beautiful capping ceremony and reception held at the Hermitage Hotel, Nashville, in October. Honored guests included Dr. Walter R. Courtenay, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, guest speaker, and the doctors of the Fifth District Dental Society and their wives. Willie Mai Gross, Chairman of the Education Committee, presented caps and certificates to Geneva Few, Ruth Neely, Sarah Sanson, June Jordan, Lucille Green, Vallie Draughon, Christine Grubbs, Joyce McLemore, Martha Braswell, Christine Graves, Frances Simpson, Bessie Ray, Hazel Spradlin and Margaret Powell. At the November meeting of this group, held in the B & W Cafeteria, an impressive candlelight service installed the new officers with Willie Mai Gross serving as Installing Officer and Frances Simpson as Conducting Officer.

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Wisconsin

Mary Krainer, State Publicity Chairman, writes of the meetings held in Wisconsin. The newly organized Rock County Dental Assistants & Hygienists Society held its October dinner meeting at the Elks Club, Beloit. Guest speaker for the evening was Dr. R. Thompson of Beloit who spoke on "Pedodontia," giving practical examples of how to dispel fear from children's minds and put them at ease in a dental office. This group is enthusiastically engaged in two fine projects, the planning of a booth at the State Meeting in April and the cutlery sale campaign to raise funds to send an underprivileged child to camp next summer. A warm welcome was extended to three new members and plans for the membership campaign and Dental Health Day were discussed.

The October meeting of the Green Bay Dental Assistants & Hygienists Society featured the traditional candlelight ceremony for the installation of new officers and was held at the Beaumont Hotel following the dinner meeting.

The Southern Wisconsin Dental Assistants Society met at the Spanish Cafe, Madison, for its dinner meeting followed by a fine talk and conducted tour of the Credit Bureau offices presented by Mr. Edward Neese of the Credit Bureau. The following meeting presented guest speaker Miss Harriet Sisk of the Telephone Company with her lecture on "Telephone Courtesy."

The Milwaukee County Dental Assistants Society held its dinner meeting at the Pfister Hotel with Dr. J. Franklin, President of the Milwaukee County Dental Society, as guest speaker. The following meeting was devoted to the fund-raising campaign, The Auction Bazaar.

The fall meeting of the Wisconsin State Dental Assistants Association was held in October at the Wausau Hotel, Wausau, Wis. The address of welcome was presented by Dr. W. E. Keefe and Mr. Hollander of the Wausau Dental Laboratory presented the color-sound film on "Micro Denture Technique." The following day was the occasion of the business meeting followed by the candlelight service when Florence Martin, Wisconsin State President, and Eugenia Uttech, ADAA 6th District Trustee, installed the officers of the newly-organized Wausau Dental Assistants Society. Congratulations and good luck in your new society, girls!

News from Illinois

The Western Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its January meeting at the Soange-taha Country Club, Galesburg, and presented guest speaker Cornelia Knight Director of Nursing Services at Galesburg State Research Hospital with her inspirational talk on "Our Hands." She also presented a graphic account of her experiences as a missionary in Africa. The February meeting of this group schedules guest speaker Mr. Fred Lee of the L. D. Caulk Co. who will present a clinic on "Proper Silicate and Impression Mixes."

The Springfield Dental Assistants Society heard Dr. James Bradley present his clinic on "Oral Surgery" at its January meeting.

The members of the Peoria District Assistants Society were guests of the Peoria District Dental Society for its dinner meeting in January. Included in the splendid program was a stimulating lecture on "Team Work in the Dental Office" as given by Dr. Wallace Kirby, Associate Professor of Practice Management at Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Loyola, and at Marquette Dental College of Milwaukee.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Dental Assistants Society in January was held in the Conference Room of the Pittsfield Building and presented guest speaker Dr. Joseph Restarski with his lecture on "Endodontia." At this meeting, an impressive ceremony initiating all new members was held. The West Suburban Branch Society held its January meeting at the Carleton Hotel and, following dinner, Dr. H. C. Gustavson spoke on "The Dental Assistant." The North, Northwest and North Suburban Branch Societies held their monthly meeting at the Villa Sweden and, after a fine dinner, presented guest speaker Mr. Donald Gray, District Manager of Johnson & Johnson, who spoke on "Cottons and Materials." The South Side Branch Society

held a splendid meeting in January when it presented Dr. M. R. Falstein, Dr. A. Gerstein, Dr. B. S. Morrow and Dr. R. B. Berenson with their clinic entitled "The Role of the Dental Assistant in Full Mouth Reconstruction."

The McLean County Dental Assistants Society held a "Get Acquainted" tea in honor of the wives of their doctors and, at this meeting, explained the aims and objectives of the dental assistants' associations. These girls also are engaged in a community project, the folding and sewing of bandages for the McLean County Cancer Society.

The Fox River Valley Dental Assistants Society held its January meeting at the Baker Hotel, St. Charles, and presented Dr. Charles Maurice of the University of Illinois, College of Dentistry, with his lecture on "Instrument Sterilization." A hearty welcome was extended to the many new dental assistants attending this meeting. This group will hold a dinner meeting at the Swedish Tea Room, Geneva, in February and will hear the clinic entitled "Mixing Materials" as presented by Mr. Edward Landeck of the L. D. Caulk Co.

The Eastern Illinois Dental Assistants Society held its January dinner meeting at the Hotel Grant, Mattoon. Following dinner and a short business meeting, the entire group attended the Study Course lecture on "Carvings and Drawings" as presented by Dr. T. E. McMeekan, Instructor. The February meeting of this society will be held at the Mattoon High School and will present a round-table discussion on "What Kind of Programs I Would Like For The Coming Year."

The Rock Island Dental Assistants Society has not been idle for, in January, the guest speaker, Dr. John Cannon, Pedodontist of Davenport, Ia., presented his topic "Handling The Child Patient." All the Rock Island dentists were invited to attend this meeting. The members of this society also were invited guests to the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Dental Society when dentists and assistants from Illinois and Iowa attended the sessions, exhibits and clinics. In addition, the Rock Island assistants are continuing their project of aid to the crippled children in Rock Island County. These girls announce proudly that they have tripled their membership in this past year.

The Quincy Dental Assistants Society announces that it has completed its first extension study course and awaits, with trembling, the Certification Examination in February. Good luck, girls, you'll make it!

Is there no end to the fine community contributions made by the members of the Rockford Dental Assistants Society? Now, after doing a colossal job of dental health education in the public schools in Rockford, they have been invited to present their educational material in the parochial schools of Rockford.

Besides this, they again assumed the responsibility of sterilizing instruments and equipment used in the second mass immunization program covering the Salk anti-polio vaccine. Rosalie Gugliotta, Chairman of the dental assistants' share in this undertaking, supervised the supplying of three volunteer dental assistants at each of the four immunization centers where 8,000 youngsters received their vaccine. We are indebted to Janet Lindenberg, State Publicity Chairman, and her capable contributors, for this news.

News from Michigan

The Detroit Dental Assistants Society held its December meeting at the Statler Hotel when a representative of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. presented a talk and film on "Habits and Practice." Appreciation was expressed at this meeting to two members who participated in the Dental Revue held at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel in November, namely, Luba Goyow for her clinic on "Acrylic Base Plate for Bite Blocks" and to Estelle Yochum for her clinic on "Telephone Technique." The annual Christmas party for this group was held at Ponchatrain Wine Cellars. The January meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Alfred Seyler of the University of Detroit who spoke on "Children's Dentistry." Our thanks for this report go to Shirley Hannert, Publicity Chairman.

News from Indiana

The Indianapolis Dental Assistants Society held its annual "Bosses Night" at the Hotel Antlers followed by the presentation of guest speaker Dr. H. W. Mason of the Indiana Mental Health Council who spoke interestingly on "Mental Health." He told of the hope that dental internships will be established in Indiana mental hospitals next year.

Lois Kelly, Program Chairman for the Evansville Dental Assistants Society, presented guest speaker Mrs. Bertha Hodge with her lecture and demonstration on "Natural Art to Make-up" at the November meeting of this group. We are indebted to Betsy Timmons, new Publicity Chairman for Indiana, for this report.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

News from North Dakota

Barbara Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Forks Dental Assistants Society, Grand Forks, N. Dak., writes of the regular monthly meeting of this society held in the offices of Dr. Hewite and Dr. Bamberg. Guest speaker of the evening was Miss Agnes Thomas, Trail County Public Health Nurse, who spoke of "Care of the Teeth and Health Hygiene." Audrey Statson, delegate to the national meeting in San Francisco, presented her report.

News from Minnesota

The Minneapolis Dental Hygienists and As-

sistants Society presented Mr. Willer of the Rinn X-ray Co. as guest speaker at its November meeting. Mr. Willer explained how dental film is packaged and discussed problems of processing this film. State President Helen Tuckner gave her report on the national meeting in San Francisco and extended her appreciation to members Til Bremer, Lois Hughes, Pat Fitzgerald and Ruth Asp for their part in the national meeting. Special congratulations went to Ruth Asp for her splendid work as Chairman of the ADAA Clinics and Exhibits Committee, for receiving second place award in the poster competition, and to the 7th District for winning the brand new and coveted Medical-Dental Finance Bureau Trophy in the table clinics competition. Their January meeting presented guest speaker Dr. Robert Elliott with his lecture on "Children's Dentistry." Students from the one-year dental assistants' course at the University of Minnesota were guests at this meeting.

The St. Paul District Dental Assistants Society also presented Mr. Willer of the Rinn X-ray Film Co., speaking on the same subject, at its November meeting and heard member and State President Helen Tuckner give her report on the national meeting.

The West Central District Dental Assistants Society expresses its appreciation to members Luella Mathiason and Delpha Olson for their participation in the national meeting and for presenting excellent clinics at that meeting.

The Minnesota girls extend a warm and hearty welcome to the newly-organized Study Club in Alexandria, Minn. May we add our welcome and words of encouragement to members Marlene Thompson, Dorothy Loeffler, Marlys Anderson, Marion Larson, Ardelle Botzet and Lois Rediehs?

News from Iowa

The Sioux City District Dental Assistants Society held a three-day meeting at the Hotel Martin, Sioux City, and presented clinics by Doris Bode, Gayle Horton, Irene Heck and Gladys Hays as well as posters by Doris, Irene and Gladys. State President Marcella Passow, Bertha Doolittle and Dorothy Cummer of Fort Dodge were guests at this meeting.

The Northwest District Dental Assistants Society held its regular meeting in Sioux City with election of new officers as the order of business.

The Fort Dodge Dental Assistants Society held its 9th annual meeting in the Assembly Room of the Hotel Warden and carried out the election of its new officers. The lovely candlelight installation service, with State President Macella Passow as Installing Officer, concluded this meeting.

The Dubuque District Dental Assistants Society held its regular monthly dinner meeting at the Sportsman Lodge and presented a representative of the "Insured Payment Plan" as

guest speaker. It was explained as a plan enabling the dentist to receive immediate compensation for services rendered and is available through the Dubuque Dental Society.

The Des Moines Dental Assistants Society held its dinner meeting at the Bishop's Cafeteria followed by a film about "X-rays" presented by Mr. Stevenson of the Patterson Dental Supply Co. Appreciation was expressed at this meeting for the buffet supper with which the Iowa Dental Supply Co. entertained the members of this society. Member and President-elect of the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association Peggy Stevenson gave her report on the national meeting held in San Francisco. Congratulations were extended to the State Association for the third place award given its poster "Get The Jump on Tooth Decay."

News from Nebraska

The Omaha Dental Assistants Society presented Dr. Walter W. Key as guest speaker with his splendid lecture on "The Dental Assistant's Duties When Assisting an Oral Surgeon" and welcomed ten prospective members to this meeting. The following meeting brought a film and lecture by Mr. Robert Page of the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company on "Proper Use of the Telephone." A new Certification Class is now under way in this society.

The Lincoln Dental Assistants Society held two meetings, with Dr. B. J. Moran as guest speaker, on the important subject of "Civil Defense." A hearty welcome was extended to the six new members of this society. November brought a lovely capping ceremony and tea for three Lincoln dental assistants who successfully passed their Certification Examinations. This event was held at the Orthopedic Nurses Home and the girls capped were Beverly Hammel, Ruth Schweitzer and Beulah Bedke. Congratulations, girls! These Lincoln girls are extremely proud of Dr. Hollis A. Askey of Lincoln who presented an inspiring address entitled "You're On the First Team" at the national meeting. Nebraska also takes pride in the election of Margaret Leedom of Lincoln to the National Certification Board. Pauline M. Sorter, State Corresponding Secretary, is the author of this fine report.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Kansas

The Hutchinson District Dental Assistants Society held its regular monthly meeting at Hutchinson with the election of new officers as the order of business. A warm welcome was extended to the eight Independent Members from McPherson, Kansas, who attended this meeting.

The Topeka Dental Assistants Society has presented an unusual program of educational lectures for its members, including Mr. W.

Collinson of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. with his clinic on "What Is Good Telephone Service?," Dr. R. Wiksten with his lecture on "Case History of Mouth Rehabilitation," Dr. R. Woodworth with a lecture on "Preventive Orthodontia" and Mr. Hal Haverstock of the Hettinger Bros. with his topic "What Is A Dental Assistant?"

The Wichita Dental Assistants Society served as hostess for the 7th Annual District Meeting held in Wichita. Speakers at this two-day meeting included Dr. Merriitt Pederson of Lincoln, Nebr., with "Strategy in Managing Ourselves," Dr. Fowler Poling, Psychiatrist of Wichita, Kansas, who spoke on "The Art of Getting Along With People" and Dr. Eugene McFarland, Director of the Wichita Art Museum and of the Art Department of the University of Wichita. (Members were deeply shocked, shortly after this meeting, by news of the tragic death of Dr. McFarland in an automobile accident.) A happy event at this meeting was the awarding of caps and certificates to 11 assistants, graduates of the Wichita Course, and 4 assistants, graduates of the Harvey County Course. Eunice Snyder conducted the beautiful capping ceremony assisted capably by State President Jeanette Reed. The following meeting of this group found the Wichita girls again playing hostess, this time to the members of the Sedgwick County Medical Assistants Society. Dr. John H. Rogers and Dr. J. Victor Benton presented a magnificent program on the Hawaiian Islands, including travelogue, colored slides, dancers with authentic interpretations of the hula and lovely flowers and decorations from Hawaii. The last meeting of this group brought the election of new officers and a warm welcome to 3 new members from El Dorado, Kansas, namely Cheryl Clingan, Thelma Goff and Aletha Manion.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

The Seattle District Dental Assistants Society held its dinner meeting in the Plymouth Room of the Mayflower Hotel. President Delores Krier introduced the members of this society's Advisory Council, honored guests at this meeting and including Dr. Ralph Tjarnberg, Chairman, Dr. Paul Chilton, Dr. James Fleege, Dr. J. W. T. Anderson and Dr. Homer Locket. Dorothy Roderick, Program Chairman, introduced the guest speakers of the evening, Miss Jan, Miss Velma and Mr. Leon who presented an interesting talk and visual demonstration on proper make-up and hair styles for dental assistants. The following meeting of this society presented a round-table discussion, with Dr. Ralph Tjarnberg presiding, concerning the possibilities of an approved school for dental assistant trainees in Seattle. Dorothy Roderick presented her

clever and informative brochure entitled "Year Filler Upper" which she compiled for the Seattle District Dental Society.

News from Oregon

June Stoudgeon, Director of the Portland District Dental Assistants Society, reports on the November meeting when guest speaker Dr. Ralph Stucky, Assistant Director of the Cook-Waite Labs. of New York City, presented his clinic on "General Asepsis in Local Anesthesia." The December meeting of this group was held in the home of Welthia Moore and was the annual Christmas party, at which time these girls again presented a new tricycle to the Albertina Kerr Nursery. The January meeting took the form of a fund-raising "White Elephant Sale" and also presented the reports on the national meeting.

● *Editor Crowley offers apologies to the members of 10th and 11th District for the deletion of their news from this department in the last issue. It was necessary to cut some copy, when proof-reading and make-up was done, throughout the issue in order to make the journal an even number of pages, and not to exceed the number of pages our budget would allow. It had to be done at the end of pages and columns for practical reasons, hence these districts were caught by the chopping block. We beg the indulgence of the members and Editor Reed in this necessary action.*

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

The Smith County Dental Assistants Society held its monthly meeting in the office of Dr. Bruce Wilkinson when two educational films were seen. Dr. Hilton Hopper presented an excellent demonstration of mouth examination for cancer entitled "Oral Cancer" and "Man Alive."

The Austin Dental Assistants Society proudly writes of the capping ceremony held at the University Baptist Recreation Hall with Dr. Gerald Beiter presiding. Mary Ruth Saunders and Vivian Steiger received their caps and certificates during this lovely service. The following meeting of this group took the form of a conducted tour through St. David's Hospital followed by a business meeting held in the Cafeteria. Announcement was made of the beginning of a new Certification Class. Election of officers was held and plans were completed for the annual "Doctor's Night" to be held at the famous "Hitchin' Post" in Austin.

The Dallas Dental Assistants Society announces it has 22 members enrolled in the new Certification Class. Dr. Pauline Mack was guest speaker at the last meeting of the Dallas group and she presented an interesting lecture on "Nutrition."

The San Angelo Dental Assistants Society

voices encouragement to its 7 members enrolled in the Certification Class.

The Nueces Valley Dental Assistants Society held its election of new officers and general business meeting at the Nueces Hotel. To Marjorie A. Davis, State Reporter and author of this report, we extend our appreciation.

The October meeting of the Wichita Falls District Dental Assistants Society was a dinner meeting honoring its four members who successfully passed the Certification Examination, namely Rose Choates, Reba Teakell, Francine McCorkle and Louise Culp. President Francine McCorkle presided at the business meeting and introduced guest speaker Minnie Ballard, member of the State Board of Trustees, who spoke on "Local and State Organizations." This dinner meeting was held in the Sunken Garden of the Cottage Inn. The November meeting was held in the YWCA when Rose, Reba, Francine and Louise received their caps and certificates from the hands of Dr. John M. Nabess and Dr. E. E. Stewart who had charge of the lovely ceremony. At this meeting, Ula Powell was warmly welcomed as a new member.

News from New Mexico

The members of the New Mexico State Dental Assistants Association voice pride in the contributions made at the national meeting by President Elizabeth Howard, Secretary-Treasurer Ida Smelzer, President-elect Esther Feill, 1st Vice President Barbara Bruns, Albuquerque President Dorothy Mead and members Vera James and Opal Spiller. Esther Feill presented a fine clinic and was selected to present her clinic with the American Dental Association clinics.

News from Arizona

The Phoenix District Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting when it presented guest speaker Captain Frank Papilow who spoke on "Juvenile Delinquency." The November meeting of the group included the interesting subject of "Laws Which Apply to the Dental Assistant and the Practice of Dentistry" as presented by Dr. R. W. Christensen and "Correct Grooming" as presented by Mrs. Wendell of the Wendell-Cronin School of Modeling. Members were treated to two fine clinics, one entitled "The Efficient Dental Assistant" by Betty Dennis and the other entitled "Personal Hygiene of the Dental Assistant" by Julia Farrell. State President Billie Ruth Noack gave an interesting report on the national meeting in San Francisco.

The Tucson Dental Assistants Society held a successful Juliette A. Southard Birthday Party in the form of a dinner at the Monte Vista Inn. Honored guests included Advisors Dr. Frank Scanlon and Dr. R. Rucker. Dr. Scanlon, President of the Southern Arizona Dental Society, expressed the desire of his

society to aid the dental assistants in their society affairs whenever possible. Stephanie Zabik presented her paper reviewing the life of Juliette A. Southard and the growth of ADAA in such a splendid manner that her audience felt the spirit of Mrs. Southard among them. The proceeds of a raffle conducted at this meeting were sent to the JAS Relief Fund.

The Arizona State Dental Assistants Association held its Mid-winter Meeting at the Woman's Club, Coolidge, Ariz., with the reports of each officer and director presented at this meeting. A brunch, business meeting and the completion of plans for the Arizona State Meeting to be held in Tucson in April concluded the activities of this meeting. ADAA 2nd Vice President Joy Phillips and ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small gave short talks on the responsibilities of state organizations to the district and national organizations and announcement was made of the new Advisory Council consisting of Dr. C. E. Matteson of Tucson, Dr. M. V. Saxman of Phoenix and Dr. E. G. Wirick of Douglas.

News from Utah

The members of the Utah State Dental Assistants Association are hard at work on plans for the Spring Meeting to be held at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City next April.

News from Colorado

The annual State Meeting of the Colorado State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, where a complete revisions of the By-laws was accomplished and the election of new officers took place. Plans were completed for the Mid-winter Meeting in January. This meeting was held in Denver with Denver President LaVonne Shanks and Denver President-elect Gretchen Kitzler presenting an outstanding program of educational clinics, lectures and films. The ADAA Scientific Exhibit which received an Award of Merit at the national meeting in San Francisco was on display. ADAA 10th District Trustee Marion Small of Tucson, Ariz., was guest speaker at the General Session. Pride in the award of the Membership Trophy and a \$50.00 check to Colorado State was voiced at this meeting.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The Richmond Dental Assistants Society (formerly Contra Costa Dental Assistants Society) held its election of new officers at its regular October meeting and then presented guest speaker Jeanne Boaz of Jeanne's Flower Shop with her interesting talk and demonstration on "Flower Arranging." This group held its November dinner meeting at the Mira Vista Country Club. Guest speaker Dr. James Bullard brought a stimulating talk entitled "Public

Relations and Teamwork in the Dental Office."

Following the annual reports, special recognition was paid to Mary Berger for her clinic entitled "Dental Assistant's Role in Gold Foil" and to Dorothy Evans for her clinic entitled "Apicoectomy" which they presented at the national meeting in San Francisco. A brief capping ceremony with Martelle Hill receiving her coveted cap and certification preceded the ever-lovely and impressive candlelight service of the installation of officers which was carried out by Northern California President Nancy Conens as Installing Officer, Vivian Dodge as Conducting Officer and Richmond Past President June Ludlow presided as Wise Friend.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Harbor District Dental Assistants Society, the guest speaker was Dr. John L. Woehler, member of the staff of the University of Southern California and Instructor for a post-graduate class in Dental Economics. Dr. Woehler chose "Team Play and Successful Case Presentation" as his subject and presented an interesting and challenging lecture. This meeting also honored the Past Presidents, the Sponsors and our founder in the cutting of the Juliette A. Southard Birthday Cake.

Welcome to Lou Ann Feddersen, new Reporter for the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, who writes of the impressive capping ceremony held in November for 14 members who successfully passed their Certification Examination. Miss Helen Constable, Director of the Los Angeles City College Dental Department, capped the girls. She was ably assisted by State Examining Chairman Eva Minor. This fine meeting was concluded with a nurses' uniform style show.

The Fresno District Dental Assistants Society installed its new officers with the candlelight ceremony at the Haceinda Hotel in November. Presentation of the gavel pin to Retiring President Alberta Kilgore was made by Inez Stevens. Honored guests at this meeting included Dr. M. S. Beck, Dr. S. R. C. Wright, Dr. A. W. Pearson, Dr. D. L. Pirl, Dr. C. P. Howard, Dr. K. E. Stratten, Dr. J. D. Nielson, Dr. J. W. Schaaf, Dr. C. C. Darby, Dr. R. L. Williams, Dr. E. H. Smith, Dr. E. G. Keyes, Dr. J. Moordigian, Dr. Marianna Browning, Dr. Celsa Moretti Dockstader and Dr. C. Mosgrove.

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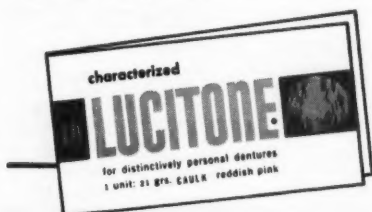
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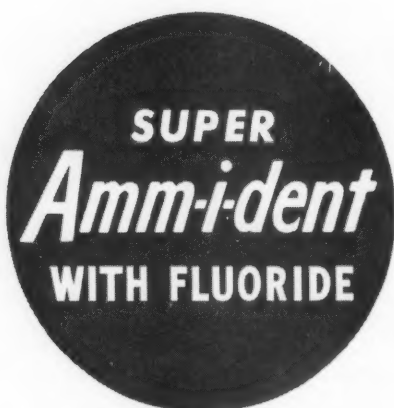
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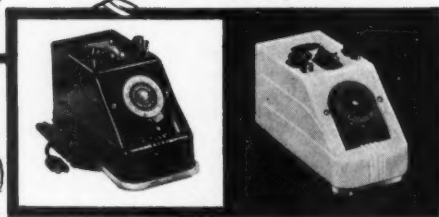
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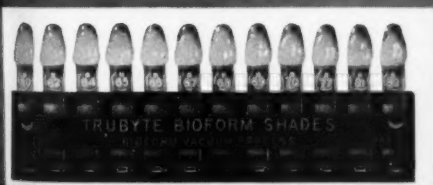
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